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TO AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA PRIORITY

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TAGS: SWEL, GT, MASS, US

SUBJECT: TEMPORARY REPLACEMENT DOCK FOR PUERTO BARRIOS

REFERENCES: (A) GUATEMALA 1613; (B) GUATEMALA 1841;  
(C) STATE 52182;

1. DEPARTMENT HAS LOOKED INTO ARRANGEMENT CITED IN  
REF. A PARAGRAPH 1 BETWEEN U.S. NAVY AND FEGUA FOR  
PURCHASE OF 12 AMMIE TYPE BARGES. THERE APPEARS TO  
BE MISUNDERSTANDING ON PART OF FERRATE OF FEGUA. DOD  
REPORTS THAT INFORMATION ON PRICE, AND ON NUMBER OF  
BARGES AVAILABLE (REF. A) WAS GIVEN BY PHONE IN RESPONSE  
TO INQUIRIES MADE BY GUATEMALAN MILITARY ATTACHE  
COLONEL MOREIRA, AND BY OFFICIALS OF PASCO  
STEEL, BUT NO CONTRACT WAS EITHER DISCUSSED OR  
NEGOTIATED. SINCE DOD CANNOT DEAL DIRECTLY WITH FOREIGN  
ENTITY SUCH AS FEGUA, DOD OFFICIAL EXPLAINED TO  
COLONEL MOREIRA THAT FOR SALE TO TAKE PLACE TRANSACTION  
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WOULD HAVE TO BE COMPLETED THROUGH PROPER CHANNELS.

2. PROPER CHANNELS IN THIS CASE, IF A.I.D. WERE TO BECOME INVOLVED, WOULD BE TO FIRST OBTAIN FORMAL DOD CONCURRENCE THAT AMMIE BARGES ARE INDEED AVAILABLE FOR RELEASE (WHICH THEY APPEAR TO BE, ON A DISASTER RELIEF BASIS) AND THEN FOR GOG TO DEPOSIT THE FUNDS IN AN A.I.D.-HELD

TRUST ACCOUNT, DOD COULD THEN RELEASE THESE ITEMS TO A.I.D. USING AN A.I.D. FUND CITATION. A.I.D. COULD THEN TRANSFER TITLE TO GOG.

3. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENT FOR DOD TO RELEASE BARGES FOR SALE WOULD BE A.I.D. CERTIFICATION THAT COMMERCIAL SUPPLIERS UNABLE TO FILL THE REQUIREMENT WITHIN NEEDED TIME FRAME. DOD ALSO BELIEVES THAT ON-SITE ENGINEERS' FEASIBILITY STUDY IS NECESSARY BEFORE PROCEEDING ANY FURTHER TO ENSURE THAT AMMIE TYPE BARGES WOULD INDEED BE SUITABLE FOR NEEDS OF PORT.

4. DEPARTMENT UNDERSTANDS THAT EXPORT-IMPORT BANK HAS BEEN CONTACTED BY COMMERCIAL SUPPLIERS TO SUPPORT POSSIBLE SALE OF DOLS 18 MILLION IN EQUIPMENT FOR PORT OF SANTO TOMAS. ACCORDING TO EX-IM DECISION NOW RESTS WITH GOG TO APPROVE THIS UPGRADING OF SANTO TOMAS. GOG DECISION MAY WELL HAVE IMPLICATIONS FOR FUTURE OF PUERTO BARRIOS.

5. WORLD BANK INFORMS US THEY HAVE A TEAM ON THE WAY TO GUATEMALA TO STUDY THE NEEDS OF BOTH SANTO TOMAS AND PUERTO BARRIOS.

6. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY/MISSION ADVICE AND COMMENTS ON HOW YOU WISH TO PROCEED IN THIS MATTER. KISSINGER

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